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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS SUMMARY, FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977

WASHINGTON POST

NOTE: ONE COLUMN INSIDE.

SUSANNA MCBEE FROM BOGOTA.

HEADLINE: "MRS. CARTER ARRIVES IN CARACAS; DRUGS TOP TALKS
ON AGENDA."

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HEADLINE: "ROSALYNN CARTER, AMBASSADOR."

LEAD: "PRESIDENT MAY HAVE LOST WIFE FOR A FORTNIGHT, BUT
THE COUNTRY HAS GAINED AN AMBASSADOR."

TEXT IN USIA WIRELESS FILE.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NOTE: DEEP INSIDE

UPI FROM BOGOTA

HEADLINE: "MRS. CARTER TO DISCUSS RIGHTS, CANAL STAND WITH COLOMBIANS."

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER ARRIVED IN COLOMBIA THURSDAY FOR TALKS EXPECTED TO CENTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PANAMA CANAL DISPUTE."

BRIEF ARTICLE SAID MRS. CARTER VISITED CULTURAL CENTER AND WOULD MEET LOPEZ FRIDAY.

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CHERYL ARVIDSON FROM BOGOTA

LEAD: SAME AS LA TIMES

OTHER POINTS:

-- SHE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET LOPEZ AGAIN TODAY TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS AND PANAMA CANAL.

-- SHE WAS GREETED THURSDAY NIGHT BY MRS. LOPEZ WHO HOSTED UNCLASSIFIED

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CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION TO WELCOME HER.

-- IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS MRS. CARTER MET WITH THE PRESIDENT IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE FOR AN UNSCHEDULED 15 MINUTES.

-- MRS. CARTER SAID THAT SHE CHATTED AND EXCHANGED GIFTS. SHE GAVE LOPEZ THREE BOOKS. SHE SAID LOPEZ TOLD HER "I AM SO GLAD TO HAVE IT; I HAVE IT IN PAPERBACK ALREADY." MRS. CARTER SAID NEARLY EVERY FOREIGN LEADER TO WHOM SHE HAS GIVEN IT HAS MENTIONED HAVING READ IT ALREADY.

-- MRS. LOPEZ' RECEPTION WAS "DOMINATED BY WOMEN;" OF 200 GUESTS LESS THAN 20 WERE MEN AND MOST OF THEM WERE MEMBERS OF LOPEZ' CABINET OR MRS. CARTER'S OFFICIAL PARTY.

-- IN RECEIVING LINE, MRS. CARTER GREETED OLGA SAMPER WHO WAS WEARING DRESS IDENTICAL TO HERS EXCEPT IN COLOR.

REUTERS

BARRY MAY FROM BOGOTA

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER ARRIVED HERE TODAY AMID TIGHTEST SECURITY SEEN YET ON HER SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR."

OTHER POINTS:

-- MRS. CARTER'S SECRET SERVICE GUARD WAS REINFORCED AND COLOMBIAN TROOPS AND POLICE LINED ROUTE FROM AIRPORT. COLOMBIAN STUDENTS HAVE THREATENED DEMONSTRATIONS AND INFORMED SOURCES SAID A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE U.S. CONSULATE IN CALI YESTERDAY.

-- U.S. OFFICIALS WHO ADMITTED SECURITY WAS TIGHT SAID SLOGANS DESCRIBING "MRS. CARTER'S A REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" HAD BEEN PAINTED ON THE WALLS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CITY. ONE SLOGAN SAID JIMMY CARTER IS SENDING ROSALYNN DOWN TO LOOK AT THE FARM."

-- MRS. CARTER IS HERE FOR TALKS WITH COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS. A U.S. DIPLOMAT SAID SHE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON TRAFFIC IN HARD DRUGS AND THAT U.S. AND COLOMBIANS WOULD BE EXPLORING WAYS OF INCREASING MUTUAL COOPERATION ON DRUG PROBLEMS.

-- COCAINE AND MARIJUANE SMUGGLED FROM COLOMBIA TO THE U.S. BRINGS ABOUT 5 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS INTO COLOMBIA EACH YEAR ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS.

-- MRS. CARTER MET AT AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO AND WIFE OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ.

-- MRS. CARTER'S REMARKS AT AIRPORT QUOTED.

-- PRESIDENT'S WIFE WAS THEN DRIVEN AT HIGH SPEED INTO CITY.

-- U.S. OFFICIALS SAID MRS. CARTER'S VISIT HERE WAS DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. AFFINITY WITH COLOMBIA, WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS ONE OF ONLY TWO DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES ON HER TOUR.

-- STORY ENDS WITH REVIEW OF HER WHERE SHE HAS JUST COME FROM AND WHERE SHE IS GOING.

CBS RADIO THE WORLD TONIGHT FROM BOGOTA

DOW: "A BRIEF, LOW-KEY RECEPTION GREETED MRS. CARTER'S

ARRIVAL IN COLOMBIA TODAY FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THE FIRST LADY LAUNCHED HER TWENTY-FOUR HOUR VISIT HERE UNDER THE

TIGHTEST SECURITY YET ON HER SEVEN-NATION TOUR. TEAMS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MILITARY POLICE WERE STATIONED EVERY ONE TO THREE HUNDRED FEET ALONG HER MOTORCADE ROUTE, AND SEVERAL DOZEN MORE, MANY HEAVILY ARMED, SURROUNDED AND GUARDED A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AND A HAND-SHAKING MISSION AT THE U.S. EMBASSY. COLOMBIA HAS A RECENT HISTORY OF INTERMITTENT TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. THREE OF THE COUNTRY'S UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN CLOSED THIS YEAR. YESTERDAY IN BOGOTA, ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS MARCHED TO OBSERVE THE ANNIVERSARY OF AN EARLIER PROTEST MOVEMENT. BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY. MRS. CARTER IS EXPECTED TO TALK WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ ABOUT JOINT U.S.-COLOMBIAN EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE FLOW OF COCAINE AND MARIJUANA TO THE U.S."

CBS RADIO, WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

DOW: "MRS. CARTER MEETS TODAY WITH COLOMBIA'S PRESIDENT ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN, AND SOURCES EXPECT THEIR TALKS TO STRESS TWO SUBJECTS: JOINT U.S. - COLOMBIAN EFFORTS TO PLUG THE FLOW OF COCAINE AND MARIJUANA FROM COLOMBIA TO THE U.S., AND WAYS TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS. COLOMBIA, ONE OF TWO DEMOCRACIES IN SOUTH AMERICA, HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. -HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. IT HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE SUPPORTIVE OF THE U.S. WAR ON DRUGS AS DRUGS ABUSE HAS ARISEN IN SOME COLOMBIAN SCHOOLS. MOST OF THE COCAINE USED IN THE U.S. COMES FROM COLOMBIAN LABORATORIES. ABOUT SEVENTY AMERICANS ARE IN COLOMBIAN PRISONS ON DRUG-RELATED CHARGES. MRS. CARTER BEGAN HER VISIT HERE YESTERDAY UNDER THE HEAVIEST SECURITY YET IN HER ELEVEN DAYS OF TRAVEL, AN APPARENT RESPONSE TO RECENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND TERRORIST VIOLENCE. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS, AND THIS AFTERNOON THE FIRST LADY LEAVES FOR TWO DAYS IN VENEZUELA THE FINAL STOP IN HER SEVEN NATION TOUR."

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FLOYD KALBER: "FINALLY IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN. IT'S BOUND TO HAPPEN TO EVERY WOMAN AT SOME TIME IN HER LIFE, AND LAST NIGHT IT HAPPENED TO ROSALYNN CARTER. AT A RECEPTION GIVEN FOR HER AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN COLOMBIA, MRS. CARTER SHOOK HANDS WITH THE STEP-SISTER OF PRESIDENT ALFONSO LOPEZ, AND THEN EXCLAIMED, 'WE'RE WEARING THE SAME DRESS.'" MRS. OLGA SAMPER WAS WEARING A SHRIMP COLORED COCKTAIL DRESS; MRS. CARTER'S DRESS WAS AQUA. TOTALLY UNFLUSTERED, MRS. CARTER SAID TO MRS. SAMPER, 'IT LOOKS NICE ON YOU.'" VANCE

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